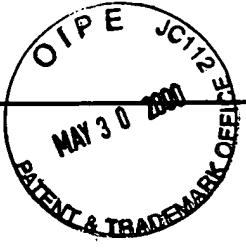
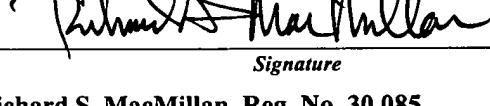


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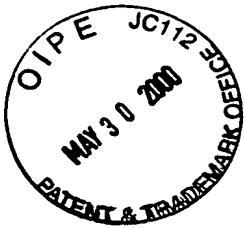
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

TC 3700 MAIL ROOM  
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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Rewrite Claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) An apparatus for manufacturing a vehicle frame component comprising [the steps of]:  
a heating structure;  
a cooling structure disposed adjacent to said heating structure; and  
a support mechanism adapted to support a workpiece and to move the workpiece past said heating structure and said cooling structure so as to perform a

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